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SUBJ: UN AD HOC COMITE ON TERRORISM

1. GENERAL DEBATE COMPLETED MORNING JULY 31 WITH ROUTINE STATEMENT BY CONGO REP, CITING NEED TO GET AT UNDERLYING CAUSES OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, E.G.,. COLONIALSIM, RACISM, ETC.

2. CHAIRMAN BOYD (PANAMA) THEN MADE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL FOR ORGANIZATION OF WORK: THERE SHOULD BE 3 SUBCOMITES DEALING RESPECTIVELY WITH DEFINITION, CAUSES, AND MEASURES. FIRST SUBCOMITE SHOULD MEET AUGUST 1 AND 2; SECOND AUGUST 3 AND 6; THIRD, AUGUST 7 AND 8. PLENARY SHOULD MEET AUGUST 9 AND 10 TO CONSIDER REPORT.

3. NICARAGUA AND MAURITANIA SUPPORTED BOYD'S PROPOSAL. UK, GREECE, TURKEY, JAPAN, ITALY, AND US CONSIDERED IT GENERALLY CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORT AND SUGGESTED COMITE ADJOURN TO GIVE REGIONAL GROUPS CHANCE TO CONSULT. BOYD THEN ADJOURNED MEETING.

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4. AT WEO GROUP MEETING, MEMBERS OF GROUP EXPRESSED GENERAL

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DISSATISFACTION WITH BOYD'S PROPOSAL BUT THOUGHT WE WOULD PROBABLY ULTIMATELY HAVE TO ACCEPT IT AS IT DIFFICULT TO DISAGREE WITH CHAIRMAN'S EFFORT TO REACH GENERAL COMPROMISE SOLUTION. DIFFICULTIES WITH CHAIR'S PROPOSAL ARE: (A) IT WILL ESTABLISH PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE TREATMENT OF TERRORISM ITEM; (B) IT ELEVATES DEFINITION TO LEVEL OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE WITH CAUSES AND MEASURES WHEREAS WEO VIEW (EXCEPT FOR FRANCE) REGARDED DEFINITION IDEA AS HARMFUL RED HERRING; (C) IT SETS FORTH THE ITEMS IN THE MOST UNHELPFUL ORDER POSSIBLE; AND (D) THERE IS DANGER THAT DISCUSSION OF MEASURES WILL BE SQUEEZED OUT IF OTHER ASPECTS RUN ON LONGER THAN PLANNED. GROUP DECIDED TO SUGGEST TO CHAIRMAN: (A) IF IT REALLY NECESSARY TO HAVE SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF DEFINITION THAT PLENARY DISCUSS DEFINITION TWO DAYS, AND THAT THEN TWO SUBCOMMITTEES CONSIDER RESPECTIVELY CAUSES AND MEASURES, OR, AS FALLBACK (B) THAT THERE BE NO SUBCOMMITTEE BUT THAT INSTEAD PLENARY ALLOCATE ITSELF TWO DAYS EACH FOR DISCUSSION OF DEFINITION, CAUSES AND MEASURES. WEO GROUP THOUGHT BOTH THESE METHODS WOULD ELEVATE DEFINITION LESS AND HAVE LESS PRECEDENTIAL VALUE.

5. AT BUREAU MEETING PRIOR TO JULY 31 AFTERNOON MEETING OF COMITE,
OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS REPORTED THAT THEYACCEPTED CHAIRMAN'S COMPROMISE AND THEY REJECTED BOTH OF WEO PROPOSALS.

6. AT NEW WEL GROUP MEETING, GROUP DECIDED THERE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT BOYD'S COMPROMISE PROPOSAL OR RISK BEING UNJUSTLY ACCUSED OF OBSTRUCTING WORK. IT AGREED GROUP WOULD CONDITION ACCEPTEANCE ON BOYD READING UNDERSTANDING CONTAINED IN POINT (I) IN PARA 7 BELOW. BOYD AGREED TO DO SO.

7. AT BEGINNING OF AFTERNOON MEETING JULY 31, BOYD ANNOUNCED THAT FOLLOWING AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED, WHICH ADOPTED BY COMITES WITHOUT OBJECTION:
(A) WORK OF AD HOC COMITE DIVIDED INTO THREE SUB-COMITE, EACH COMPOSED OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMITE;
(B) THE THREE SUBCOMITES WILL WORK SEPARATELY AND INDEPENDENTLY, AND WILL DEAL WITH
RESPECTIVELY, DEFINITION,
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CAUSES, AND MEASURES;
(C) THE FIRST SUBCOMITE WILL DEAL WITH DEFINITION ON AUGUST 1 AND 2;
(D) THE SECOND SUBCOMITE WILL DEAL WITH CAUSES ON AUGUST 3 AND 6;
(E) THE THIRD SUBCOMITE WILL DEAL WITH MEASURES ON AUGUST 7 AND 8;
(F) THE FULL AD HOC COMITE WILL MEET IN PLENARY

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AUGUST 9 AND 10 TO CONSIDER ITS REPORT;
(G) DURING THE SIX DAYS OF MEETINGS IN SUBCOMITE
THE MEETINGS WILL BE CLOSED; THE MEETING ON AUGUST 9 AND
10 WILL BE OPEN;
(H) THE BUREAU OF THE FULL AD HOC COMITE WILL PRESIDE
OVER ALL OF THE SUBCOMITES' MEETINGS; AND
(I) THE WEO GROUP ASKED THE CHAIRM TO READ THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT: "THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE PROPOSED ON THE UNDER-
STANDING THAT THEY ARE INFORMAL WORKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR
THE REMAINDER OF THIS SESSION, THAT THEY WOULD NOT CONSTI-
TUTE A PRECEDENT, AND THAT THEY WOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE
TO THE VIEWS OF ANY DELEGATION ON THE ELEMENTS WHICH
REQUIRESEPARATE DISCUSSION OR ON THE ORDER IN WHICH
THE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED."

8. AFTER ABOVE ADOPTED, ALGERIA SEID" ON BEHALF OF
NON-ALIGNED GROUP" THAT THEY DO NOT AGREE WITH SUBPARA
(B) THAT VARIOUS ELEMENTS SHOULD BE RREATED SEPARATELY.
CHAIRM CLARIFIED THAT THIS MEANT EACH ELEMENT ALLOCATED TWO DAYS
DISCUSSION. ITALY, UK, TURKEY, AUSTRIA, CANADA, AND US
STATED THAT THEY NOT VERY HAPPY WITH ABOVE OUTCOME BUT
IT COMPROMISE AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED TO PREJUDICE VIEWS
OF ANY DELEGATIONS AS TO HOW TERRORISM ITEM SHOULD BE DEALT
WITH. FRANCE ADMITTING THAT THE COMPROMISE
MIGHT NOT BE THE MOST DESIRABLE SOLUTION,
SAID IT A RIGHT SOLUTION. IRAN SAID ALL THE RESERVATIONS
STATED WERE SUPERFLUOUS AS (A) IN EACH PHASE OF THE
DISCUSSION NO ASPECT WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN ISOLATION,
AND (B) THIS COMITE COULD NOT IN ANY EVENT DETERMINE THE
ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF POSSIBLE COMITE NEXT YEAR (IF ITS
MANDATE CONTINUED).
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